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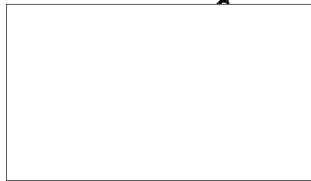
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Executive Secretary

Date

JOHN P. EAST
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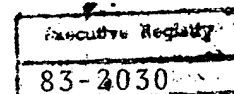
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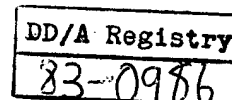
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April 11, 1983

The Honorable William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

DD/A REGISTRY
FILE: 60-4

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Separation of Powers of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, I plan to hold hearings in the very near future on certain constitutional and legal aspects of the Panama Canal Treaties. As word of these anticipated hearings has spread, my staff and I have received continuing and worrisome reports of a Soviet presence in Panama and in the Canal Zone.

Specifically and most recently, I have received reports from persons who have been in the Canal Zone, and who say they have witnessed these events, that Soviet containerized ships have been loading and unloading at piers and warehouses of the former U.S. Naval Air Station at Coco Solo, now the Colon Free Zone. The hangars at the former Air Station have become Soviet warehouses for the Lada-Niva vehicle distribution center." Much of the observed Soviet activity is said to occur at night, and the warehouses are said to be heavily guarded.

The concern of those from whom I have heard these reports is that the Soviets are using the Colon Free Zone for some illicit and subversive purpose, perhaps arms smuggling south to Colombia or perhaps aimed at the Republic of Panama or the Canal Zone itself. The reports described above are merely the most recent and the best documented of several others that are similar and which have come to my attention.

Accordingly, I am requesting from the CIA a briefing on Soviet activities in Panama, the Canal Zone, and the vicinity, and the extent to which the Soviets are actually involved in using diplomatic or economic privileges in Panama for such illicit activities as have been suggested.

This information, while not directly relevant to the subject of the anticipated hearings on the Panama Canal Treaties, would provide a useful background for the hearings. As a member of the Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism of the Committee on the Judiciary and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services,



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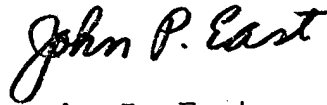
I also have a continuing interest in the questions of national security and the extent to which the international terrorist threat to our security is aided and supported by the Soviet Union and its clients.

I anticipate that the information your agency might provide would be classified. In that event, the briefing could be provided to my legislative assistant for national security affairs, Dr. Samuel T. Francis, whose top secret security clearance may be verified through the Department of Defense.

Whatever assistance your agency may be in a position to provide would be deeply appreciated.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,



John P. East
United States Senator

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